

FIREMEN DIED
DOING DUTYTwo Dead in Morning Fire at
Lisbon, Me.

PROPERTY LOSS \$50,000

Fireman Thomas King Was Suffocated
and Fireman Philip Bassinet
Was Drowned in the
Cellar.Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—Two firemen
lost their lives while fighting a fire,
which broke out in the Callahan block
in Lisbon, this morning. The dead are,
Thomas King,
Philip Bassinet.Fireman King was suffocated to death,
while fireman Bassinet was thrown into
the cellar of the building and drowned in
the great quantity of water which was
thrown onto the fire. The firemen were
caught in falling walls during the course
of the fire. Two others were hurt when
thrown down by the walls of the structure.
The fire broke out at an early
hour, and the building was destroyed.
The loss is estimated at \$50,000.NINE PEOPLE DEAD
IN HOUSE FIRESeven Were Members of One Family at
Hillville, Pa., and Other Two
Were Boarders in the
House.Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 24.—The lives of
nine people were lost today in a fire,
which destroyed the house of Guiana
de Gerbo in Hillville, a town nine miles
from here. The victims were Mr. and
Mrs. de Gerbo, their five children, and
two boarders in the house. Fire broke
out at an early hour this morning, when
the occupants of the house were in bed,
and it is supposed that they were suffo-
cated as they slept. The bodies of the
nine people are still in the ruins of the
building.

QUARTER MILLION LOSS.

New York's Nightly Big Fire was on
East Side Last Night.New York, Dec. 14.—Ludwig Zolnow,
a manufacturer of paper stoves, and
Mrs. de Gerbo, their five children, and
two boarders in the house. Fire broke
out at an early hour this morning, when
the occupants of the house were in bed,
and it is supposed that they were suffo-
cated as they slept. The bodies of the
nine people are still in the ruins of the
building.

RATHER RESENT

SCHLEY'S DEMAND

National Geographic Society Does Not
Wish to Turn over Peary's Data
for Action by Danish
Council.Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Rear-Admiral
Schley's demand that Commodore
Peary submit his polar data to the con-
sistory of the university of Copenhagen
for verification has raised a storm in the
National Geographic society, which gave
Peary a clean bill of health.The leading members claim that the
scientists of the United States would be
demeaning themselves, if they ac-
knowledge that their findings had been
known that their findings need verifi-
cation. There seems to be no disposition
to withdraw from the Copenhagen
board the data filed by Peary, but there
is a well defined opposition against turn-
ing it over to the Danish scientists for
official action.The argument advanced by Admiral
Schley that such examination would re-
move all question of doubt from the
claim of Peary is accepted as rather
gratuitous."Nothing can be gained by submitting
Commodore Peary's data to the univer-
sity of Copenhagen," said Professor Gam-
met, chairman of the committee that
passed upon Peary's proofs, "and I don't
see any reason why he should submit
them." The committee which passed upon
his papers is fully qualified to arrive at
an unbiased conclusion. Notwithstanding
that almost every member is ac-
quainted with Commodore Peary, I need
not say that the investigations were car-
ried on along scientific lines, without
regard to the personality or the standing
of either claimant.Rear-Admiral Chester, who attacked
Cook's data some time ago, denounced
the proposition of Admiral Schley as
"absurd."The report of the university of Copen-
hagen, adverse to the claims of Dr. Fred-
rick A. Cook to having discovered the
north pole, is not on its way to this
country for the guidance of scientific
investigators of the case here. A cable-
gram was received yesterday from the
university by Prof. J. Howard Gore,
chairman of the subcommittee appointed
by the National Geographic society to
conduct an investigation under the
auspices of that organization, announc-
ing that the university had forwarded
its report to the society. The report
will be considered by the subcommittee,
but on submission of the original ob-
servations of Dr. Cook's field notebook,
which he kept on his Arctic travels, as
he says, will hinge the verdict of the
subcommittee. A meeting of the com-
mittee will be held probably during the
first week in January.

NO PAPER TO-MORROW.

To-morrow, Christmas day, no paper
will be issued from this office. Monday's
Times will report the day's doings.ANOTHER LIGHT
IN THE HEAVENSThousands of People Watch for Mys-
terious Visitor and Some Say
They Saw It Again.Boston, Dec. 24.—Following the report
from Worcester Wednesday night of the
discovery above that city of a strange
moving light, apparently of the character
of a dirigible air craft, last night brought
scores from many points of the city
of a similar light last evening from
villages east of Worcester and even from
Boston common. Many who saw it de-
clared that the light had all the appear-
ance of a strong searchlight, and, while
they could discern no framework behind
it, such as an airplane would have, they
were positive that the light could not be
that of a balloon, as it moved as if
under control, and apparently against
the wind. If the light were those of
an airplane, W. E. Tillinghast, who re-
cently claimed that he saw it, called from
Worcester to New York and return, was
not the navigator, for he remained at
his home in Worcester.It is estimated that fully 50,000 per-
sons thronged the streets of Worcester
city last night, watching for the reap-
pearance of the visitor in the skies. The
passage of trolley cars was seriously
impeded by the horde. For most of the
evening the watch was unrelenting.
Some persons, however, told of having
seen a light pass rapidly at some dis-
tance south of the city, but it was small-
er and much less brilliant than the one
seen Wednesday night.

See Ship in Connecticut.

Willimantic, Conn., Dec. 24.—What is
thought to have been the airship which
has been seen over Worcester the past
two nights, was seen over Willimantic
last night. A searchlight which the ship
carried was played from side to side as
it passed.Boston, Dec. 24.—Thousands about
Boston are talking to-day of the air-
ship which was seen whirling all over
the adjacent country last night. In
Worcester, Wallace E. Tillinghast, who
is believed to be the owner of the ma-
chine, refuses to talk further than to
reassure that he has an airship. The
United Press correspondent in Worcester
was arrested to-day for trespass when he
attempted to inspect the old John P.
Gough place, which is now owned by
Paul B. Morvan. It is suspected that
the airship may be concealed there. It
from here. The victims were Mr. and
Mrs. de Gerbo, their five children, and
two boarders in the house. Fire broke
out at an early hour this morning, when
the occupants of the house were in bed,
and it is supposed that they were suffo-
cated as they slept. The bodies of the
nine people are still in the ruins of the
building.

A COLLEGE SENSATION.

Foot Ball Player Hadn't Attended Class-
es This Year.Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 24.—Prof.
George W. Patterson, chairman of the
board in control of athletics at the uni-
versity of Michigan, which yesterday
declared that a student who had not
attended class in the past year, and who
had not been seen in the university since
last season, was not enrolled in the uni-
versity."As the matter stands any of the
teams Michigan defeated during the year
now has the right of protest and may
ask that the game be declared 'no game'
or its result reversed. We are expect-
ing some such action."The whole university is sick about
the business. The board in effort
to find some extenuating circumstances
or elicit some explanation from Mr. Mil-
ler has kept the matter quiet until yester-
day. Though Miller disregarded our
requests for an interview, it is quite
probable the faculty will have an inter-
esting session with him should he come
to Ann Arbor.It has been discovered that Miller was
not enrolled in any classes.

Coach Got Surprised.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Concerning
the inability of Coach Miller to attend
the Michigan university football team
Fielding Yost, the Michigan coach said
last night:"It's the strangest case I have yet
heard of, and the only one of the kind
on record. The boy must have paid his
entrance fee, and yet he did not try to
get what he had paid for since he cut
all his classes. And he was a senior, too,
having been at Michigan three years. I
have little to say about his case, further
than this:"They are very strict up there, and
I do not see how Miller ever got by the
board of control."Mr. Yost added that Miller had been
trying to make the team for three years
and was only out on last season for the
two first games of the year had been
played. "He played right and but could
never have been a star," said Coach Yost.

SYMPATHETIC

STRIKE CALLED

Five Hundred Boiler-makers at Dun-
kirk, N. Y., Went Out To-day in
Sympathy with Strikers at
Schnectady.Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Five hundred
boiler-makers, with their wives, went
on a strike to-day. The men are em-
ployed at the Brooklyn plant of the
American Locomotive works. It is un-
derstood that the action was the result
of the strikers leaving the Schnectady
plant of the same company.

TRY TO SETTLE STRIKE.

Striking Switchmen and Officials in Con-
ference To-day.Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Minneapolis of-
ficials representing the northwestern
roads met the striking switchmen with
the railway department of the Ameri-
can Federation of Labor today in the
office of Governor Eberhart in a further
endeavor to settle the strike.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Clayton Shores and Miss Mary Mon-
ahan returned from Cabot today, where
they had been visiting relatives.TWO YEARS
AT WINDSORFor Nelson Bonner Given in
Lamoille County Court

JUST OUT OF HOSPITAL

He Was Hit in the Head with Axe in
Son's Hands, the Son Coming to
Rescue of His Mother When
She Was Attacked.Hyde Park, Dec. 24.—In Lamoille county
court yesterday Nelson Bonner plead
guilty of assault with intent to kill
his wife and was sentenced to not less
than two years and not more than three
years in the state prison at Windsor.
Bonner is the man who has just left the
Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington,
where he was taken for treatment after
being struck in the head with an axe
by his young son who did that to protect
his mother.The chancery case of Horton Doty vs.
the village of Johnson, asking for an
injunction restraining the village from
raising the dam at their electric light
plant as it would flood his lands adjoin-
ing, took up the attention of the court
the past three days. The case of H. H.
Powers vs. the Rutland railroad, a suit
for balance claimed due for services, goes
to the supreme court. Two divorces
were granted Wednesday. Joseph De-
Faria, Wolcott, for adultery; Lucinda V.
Reynolds vs. Truman S. Reynolds, Belvi-
dere, neglect and refusal to support.

NEARLY DROWNED.

Brattleboro Couple Skated Into Connecti-
cut River.Brattleboro, Dec. 24.—Another near-
drowning accident on the Connecticut
river occurred Tuesday afternoon short-
ly after 5 o'clock, when Miss Florence
Berg of South Main street, with a com-
panion, Fred Washburn of Springfield,
Mass., skated through the thin ice un-
der the Connecticut river bridge into
about 30 feet of water.As they went under they made no
 outcry, but Allen White, Walter Free-
man and John Graves, who were skating
nearby, heard some one groan, and, look-
ing under the bridge, they found the
two young people struggling in the
water. Washburn's legs were on the
ice, but his body was fast slipping into
the water, although Miss Berg, who was
clinging to the edge of the ice with her
hands, was trying to hold her companion
up on the thin ice. Graves, who has
but one arm, skated rapidly to Wash-
burn and grasping his legs dragged him
to safety. White and Freeman took
the limb of a tree and, holding on to
White's ankles, Freeman pushed him out
over the ice until he was able to grasp
the edge of the ice. Both of the young people were exhaust-
ed by their struggles and their immer-
sion in the icy water.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCHES.

Special Arrangements for Services on
Sunday.The special Christmas music at the
morning service in the Universalist
church will consist of the anthems,
"Bright Star of Bethlehem," by Dudley
Buck; "There Came a Little Child," by
Griggs; "The Babe of Light and Glory,"
by Griggs; "O Little Town of Bethlehem,"
by Banks. Dr. Jarvis will give, as a solo,
"Night of Nights," by Vandewater.Program of music for Methodist church
Sunday morning, December 26: Volun-
tary violin solo, Mr. Cole, accompanied
by Mr. Cole; hymn, "Christmastime,"
by Mr. Cole; "Glory Be to God in the
Highest," by W. L. Thompson; clarinet
solo, Mr. Parmeter; anthem with
violin obbligato, "The Song of Ages," by
L. H. Meredith; hymn, "Morning Star,"
by Griggs.Christmas concert of Heddling Metho-
dist Episcopal Sunday school, Sunday eve-
ning at 7 o'clock. Program: Scripture
Luke 2:1-11; invocation, pastor; speech
of welcome, E. J. Ball; chorus, "We
Wish You a Merry Christmas"; "The
Three Wise Men," S. Oliver, Wm. Ol-
iver, L. Flint, accompanied by servants,
Sidney Oliver's class; chorus by prima-
ry department, "Off to Slumberland";
"The Immigrant's Experience Coming to
America"; "The Immigrant Girl," Hazel
Lyon; "Mark's Dream," Ruth Beckley;
song, "Hark to the Distant Voices";
"Circus Cradles in Different Lands";
primary department; exercise, "The Pre-
cious Gift," Miss Tilton's class; chorus,
"Sweet Little Jesus," A. New Class; Mrs.
Pope's class, "A Council of North-
American Indians," Mrs. Lyon's class;
chorus, "Glory in the Highest"; remarks
by the pastor; "A Christmas Story,"
Marion Anker; "Christmas in a Zanzibar,"
Mrs. Smith's class; chorus and conser-
vation, "I Love to Tell the Story"; offer-
ing, violin solo Guy Andrews; chorus,
"Hail to the King"; benediction, pastor.Christmas music at Congregational
church next Sunday morning: "The
Manger" (duet), Alex. Cullman; "There
Dwelt in Old Bethleem" (solo),
W. H. McMillen; "When the Sun Had
Sunk to Rest" (solo), Harry Knight;
"Sing, O Daughter of Zion" (anthem),
George Norin; "And There Were Shep-
herds" (anthem), Harry Rowe Shep-
herds; "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (solo),
C. G. Spruce; "Chorus of Shepherds"
(chorus), Lemmons.

WAS FOUND DEAD

IN SHUTUP

Jean Clemens, Daughter of Mark Twain,
Died at Her Home To-day—Cause
Not Known.Reading, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean
Clemens, daughter of Dr. Samuel L.
Clemens (Mark Twain), was found dead
in the bath in their home near here
to-day. The cause of the woman's death
is not known.PRISONER TOLD
HIS STORY IN COURTJohn A. Thomas, Charged with Shooting
Burlington Policeman, Held for
County Court.Burlington, Dec. 24.—John A. Thomas,
charged with assault with a dangerous
weapon, with intent to kill, was ar-
raigned in city court yesterday after-
noon and was bound over to Chittenden
county court, bail being fixed in the sum
of \$2,500. Mr. Thomas is the man who,
on the morning of November 8, shot
policeman John H. Ryan in the thigh
of the left leg. Ryan was about to ar-
rest him and Thomas fired the revolver
while it was concealed in his overcoat
pocket.It is thought that Mr. Thomas is in-
sane and his testimony yesterday would
seem to strengthen that belief. He talked
in a quick snappy manner and re-
peated many things over and over
again. He told of writing letters to
Theodore Roosevelt, Speaker Cannon,
the secretary of war and the secretary
of state at Washington and congressmen
and senators.He said that on the morning of No-
vember 8 he left his home on Cedar
street at 8:15 o'clock, carrying his um-
brella in his right hand. He walked
from Cedar street to Elmwood avenue
to North street and thence to Winslow
avenue. While crossing Cherry street
or thereabouts he placed his umbrella
in his left hand, placed his right hand
in his overcoat pocket. He said that this
arm was crooked and he was in the
habit of carrying it in his pocket. When
Officer Ryan confronted him and another
officer held his arms from the rear, he
said that the revolver was fired un-
known to himself. He thought it was an
accident.When asked why he carried a revolver
he answered that he had recently trav-
eled over 2,000 miles and that he needed
it to protect his money and deeds to
his property. He said that previously
to his arrest he had fired the revolver
eight times, twice on the Winslow road,
once on St. Paul street and five times
at the corner of North street and North
Winslow avenue. He fired the gun on
Winslow road because he wished to see
if it would work, but on the other
occasions he fired it because he wanted
to. He purchased it at a Church street
store.He said that he had never been in
 jail but had been a inmate of an asylum
in Newbury, Michigan. At that time he
was a resident of Grand Marais, Mich.
He was in the asylum from May 15,
1908, to June, 1909. He did not know
why he was put there and knew no rea-
son why any one should wish him con-
fined. Upon being released, he visited
Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Penn-
sylvania, Ohio, New York and Canada,
visiting the latter place five times. During
this whirl through the states he said
he also made a short visit in Pittsfield,
Mass. He then came to this city, ac-
companied by his wife.While an inmate of the asylum he said
he had written to Roosevelt, Speaker
Cannon to find out what he was
confined for. He also asked them to re-
lease him. He also wrote to a United
States senator and congressman and to
other persons whose names he saw in
the papers.
He was charged this summer he said
with being a vagrant and was sent to
one of the clerks taking a dollar from
him. He said he wrote to the post-
office authorities at Washington and had
received several replies from them.
While in jail he said that he wrote to
the secretary of state and attorney-gen-
eral, asking them to release him, but he
was arrested in such an old manner. He
wished to know why he was in jail.

BANK MERGER OFF?

Reported in Rutland that Banks Will
Not Consolidate.Rutland, Dec. 24.—It is generally be-
lieved among business men and others
in position to know that the proposi-
tion to merge the business of the Rut-
land County and the Baxter National
banks of Rutland has been dropped, so
much opposition having arisen among
the smaller stockholders to the consoli-
dation that the Clement interests, who
are back of the plan, decided that the
time is not ripe for such a move. The
directors and stockholders are being
very quiet as to the progress of the plan
to defeat the merger but it is known
that there are three schemes underway
to keep the Rutland County bank intact
in its present location.Nothing will actually be done until
next Monday, the time fixed for rolling
on the proposition, but the matter is be-
ing widely discussed and from bits of
information which have leaked out dur-
ing the past few days there is little doubt
in the minds of men close to banking
affairs but that the minority stockhold-
ers will win.The Clement stock is said to be on
the market and there is a rumor that
a plan is underway to form a pool to
purchase it.

PLAN ANOTHER CAMPAIGN.

Tuberculosis Exhibit to be Sent Out by
State Board of Health.Burlington, Dec. 24.—A meeting of the
state board of health was held last evening
at the Van Ness House, Dr. R. D.
Horton of Brattleboro, C. S. Cady of
Rutland and F. T. Kidder of Woodstock
being present. It was planned to send
out the tuberculosis exhibit from the
state laboratory about the 15th of Janu-
ary, under the charge of Dr. E. H. Bu-
tler and Hugo Thompson. The route
will include from 20 to 25 of the most
important towns of the state. The board
also voted to have the health officers
of the towns investigate fire escape fa-
cilities.

Burgess—Ferrin Wedding To-morrow.

The wedding of E. P. Jewett Burgess,
principal of the high school at Rochester,
and Miss Florence Ferrin will be quietly
celebrated to-morrow evening at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ferrin,
parents of the bride, on Middlesex street
in Montpelier. The Rev. Dr. J. Edward
Wright will officiate and George E.
Whelan will act as best man. Only a
few of the immediate friends of the
couple will be present. Prof. Burgess
is the son of Prof. J. W. Burgess of
Columbia university, who, with Mrs.
Burgess, is now abroad.COMMITTEES
TRY IT AGAINAnother Conference Held in
This City Today

TO TRY TO END DISPUTE

Committee of Northfield Union Returned
Home This Afternoon with a Prop-
osition They Will Present
Without Recommendation.Another conference of the two com-
mittees, representing Northfield branch,
G. C. I. A., and the Barre Manufacturers'
association, was held at the manufac-
turers' rooms in this city this forenoon,
when another effort was made by the
two bodies to get together. They did
not wholly succeed, but the manufac-
turers presented a proposition to the North-
field committee, which the latter agreed
to take back to Northfield and present
to their branch, but which they will not
recommend to that body.Northfield branch will meet at 3
o'clock this afternoon to receive the prop-
osition and to vote on it. The latest
proposition is a modification of the last
one sent to Northfield by the manufac-
turers.BARBOUR RESIGNS WITH
RUTLAND RAILROADTo Become Vice-President of Beechnut
Packing Co.—Succeeded by Claire
Hartigan, Now General Agent
of Montreal Central.Rutland, Dec. 24.—F. E. Barbour has
resigned as general passenger agent of
the Rutland railroad to become vice-
president of the Beechnut Packing com-
pany at Canajoharie, N. Y. He begins
his new duties January 1. He has been
associated with the Rutland railroad
three years, and was previously a general
agent of the Montreal, N. Y., Central,
Claire Hartigan, the present general
agent of the Montreal Central, will be
Barbour's successor.

POPULAR HARDWICK MAN.

Arthur O. Titus, Who Died This Week,
Was Also Prominent in Affairs.Hardwick, Dec. 24.—The funeral of
Arthur O. Titus, who died on Tuesday
of quick consumption, was held this af-
ternoon, Rev. L. A. Wilson officiating.
Mr. Titus was not of rugged health and
after graduating from People's academy
in Morrisville in 1888 he, on the advice
of physicians, took up the occupation of
farming, but this proved disastrous to
him, as well as too severe, so he gave
it up and entered the banking business,
becoming teller of the Hardwick Savings
Bank and Trust company in 1898 and
remaining in that position to the time
of his death.He was the son of Orlando and Rowena
Titus and was born in Windsor, January
20, 1870. Seven years ago he married
Miss Laura Irish, a schoolmate at the
academy.
Mr. Titus was a member of the Con-
gregational church and at the time of
his death was superintendent of the
Sunday school. It is owing to his per-
sistent and intelligent efforts that the
Sunday school has become a strong and
valuable department of the work of this
church. His interest in his church duties
was shown by the fact that during his
late illness he made plans for the Christ-
mas exercise and expressed a wish that
the festivities should not be postponed
because of his death.Mr. Titus will be mourned not only by
his wife and his relatives, but by the
whole community. His modest, un-
assuming bearing, his sincerity, his reli-
ability and his unselfish devotion to duty
created that respect which is the basis of
all genuine friendship. So evident were
his sterling characteristics that casual
acquaintances were impressed with his
integrity and will earnestly regret the
loss which the community has sustained
by his death.

DIED WHILE ON VISIT.

Miss Emily E. Stowe, Aged 62, a Native
of Montpelier.The death of Miss Emily E. Stowe of
this city occurred at Brigham, Quebec,
yesterday forenoon at the home of her
cousin, George Burnett, with whom she
had been visiting. While Miss Stowe
has been an invalid for the past 25 years,
her last illness was of only three weeks'
duration. She was 82 years old and was
born in Montpelier. Much of her life
was spent in North Calais and she came
to Barre about 12 years ago, making
her home with her sister, Mrs. Hannah
Batholomew. She is survived by Mrs.
Batholomew, now of Burlington, and one
brother, Theodore Stowe, of Prospect
street in this city. There are also sev-
eral nephews and nieces.The remains arrived in this city to-day
and funeral services will be held at nine
o'clock to-morrow morning at the home
of Charles D. Carpenter, 28 West street,
and the remains will be taken to North
Calais for burial.

DEATH IN MONTEPIER.

Mrs. Katherine Provost Died at 11
O'clock This Forenoon.Mrs. Katherine Provost died at 11
o'clock this morning at her home on
Cedar street, Montpelier, after a linger-
ing illness of nearly two years' duration.
She was born in Ireland, December 19,
1836. She came to this country with
her parents when she was about a year
old. Her maiden name was Katherine
Hurley and she married Clement Provost
in 1877, who died two years ago. She
is survived by two children, Louis and
Alice Provost, of Montpelier and a broth-
er, Charles Hurley, of Albany, N. Y.
The funeral will probably be held Sun-
day afternoon.INSANE ASYLUM
IS THREATENED
THIS AFTERNOONINCREASING PRODUCTION
OF BARRE GRANITEEstimates for Year Ending December 1
Show That Output Was Ahead of
the Year Just Preced-
ing.Because of the fact that granite is still
brought from the Barre quarries by
team, in addition to the far greater
amount drawn by the Barre railroad, it
is not possible to get the accurate figures
for Barre granite production, as the
teaming is done by several persons and
firms and it would be impossible to gath-
er the statistics of all with any degree
of exactness. However, by careful esti-
mating, it is possible to reach fairly
complete returns; and this, as done by
a man who has been connected with the
granite business for many years, shows
that for the year ending December 1,
1908, a total of 1,079,700 cubic feet of
stone was taken out.This, however, does not include granite
used for paving, wallstones, sills, rail-
road grout or crushed stone; so that, if
those additional details were to be con-
sidered, the amount would be considerably
greater. Granite as measured by cubic
feet does not perhaps convey to the
average mind an adequate appreciation
of the amount of rock dug out of
Barre's two granite hills. Reducing these
terms to weights, one finds that the
year's production was 551,988 tons, or,
approximately, five hundred million
pounds of stone.Comparing these figures with the pro-
duction of the year just preceding, or
from December 1, 1907, to December 1,
1908, it is found that the new year
brought a considerable increase in granite
output. The total production of monu-
mental and building stone for the year
1907-08 was 292,031 tons, showing a gain
of approximately 50 per cent. It should
be taken into consideration, however,
that there was a labor tie-up during
the early part of the former year, while
a new bill of prices was being framed
up, and that the production was some-
what curtailed thereby. The figures of
the present year were not appreciably
affected by the disturbance, which is as
yet unsettled.By these comparisons, it is shown that
the popularity of Barre granite not only
continued during the year just closed,
but that it gained very much in the vol-
ume of production. The Barre railroad,
of course, hauled most of the granite, as
it did all of the huge piles of coal which
are consumed in the process of quarrying.
During the year just ending, there were
hailed to the quarries 17,000 tons, or
35,200,000 pounds, of coal.Barre is undoubtedly the largest single
granite center in the country. One of
its nearest rivals is Quincy, Mass., and
it is interesting to compare the figures
of the two as available. The Quincy
Ledger says that the total shipment of
rough and finished granite from the two
railroad termini in its city for the
single month of November was 14,977,087
pounds, it being practically the same as
the output of the preceding month. Re-
duced to tons, this would be 7,488 tons.Allowing that perhaps November was
not the heaviest month of the year for
business in Quincy, it will still be seen
that the balance of business was very
largely with Barre during a year's time.
But, if November was an average month
with Quincy, the total output for the
year would be less than 100,000 tons,
as against Barre's 551,988 tons.That a spirit of progressiveness is
taking hold of Quincy quarry owners
and manufacturers is shown by the fol-
lowing statement from the same news-
paper quoted above:At the present time, the shipments
are largely of rough stock, as there have
been an increasing demand for Quincy
stock all over the country. There was a
time when nothing would do but Quincy.
Then the producers became a little lax
and other granites began to be used.
Dealers and customers are tiring of these
other granites, however, and are coming
back to their first love. With modern
machinery and increased facilities, Quincy
is better able to-day than she ever
was to enter into the markets of the
world with her natural product. All it
requires is a spirit of haste to be in-
stilled into the quarry owners to see a
great increase in the demand for Quincy
granite, both for building as well as
monumental purposes.

BUYS DENTAL PRACTICE.

Dr. F. W. Hudson of Springfield, Mass.,
Buys Dr. McGoff's business.A deal was completed yesterday where-
by Dr. Frederick W. Hudson of Spring-
field, Mass., has become the owner of
the dentistry office and business in the
Miles Granite building, conducted for the
past year and one-half by Dr. W. H.